

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 25, 2003

SENATE BILL

No. 347

Introduced by Senator Perata

February 19, 2003

~~An act relating to sentencing.~~ *An act to amend Section 4996.9 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 347, as amended, Perata. ~~Sentencing: determinate sentencing for felons~~ *Clinical social workers.*

Existing law regulates the practice of clinical social workers by the Board of Behavioral Sciences and defines the practice of clinical social workers.

This bill would revise this definition to include the application of specialized clinical knowledge and advanced clinical skills in the areas of assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders, conditions, and addictions.

~~Existing law generally provides specific guidelines for the sentencing of felons to prison.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to study determinate sentencing for felons.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to study~~
- 2 ~~determinate sentencing for felons.~~

1 SECTION 1. Section 4996.9 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

3 4996.9. (a) The practice of clinical social work is defined as
4 a service in which a special knowledge of social resources, human
5 capabilities, and the ~~part that unconscious motivation plays in~~
6 ~~determining behavior, is directed at helping~~ professional use of
7 self to help people to achieve more adequate, satisfying, and
8 productive social adjustments, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial
9 functioning, and requires the application of specialized clinical
10 knowledge and advanced clinical skills in the areas of assessment,
11 diagnosis, and treatment of mental, emotional, and behavioral
12 disorders, conditions, and addictions.

13 (b) The application of social work principles and methods
14 includes, but is not restricted to, counseling and using applied
15 psychotherapy of a nonmedical nature with individuals, families,
16 or groups; providing information and referral services; providing
17 or arranging for the provision of social services; explaining or
18 interpreting the psychosocial aspects in the situations of
19 individuals, families, or groups; helping communities to organize,
20 to provide, or to improve social or health services; or doing
21 research related to social work.

22 (c) Psychotherapy, within the meaning of this chapter, is the use
23 of psychosocial methods within a professional relationship, to
24 assist the person or persons to achieve a better psychosocial
25 adaptation, to acquire greater human realization of psychosocial
26 potential and adaptation, to modify internal and external
27 conditions which affect individuals, groups, or communities in
28 respect to behavior, emotions, and thinking, in respect to their
29 intrapersonal and interpersonal processes, and to diagnose and
30 treat mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders, conditions, and
31 addictions.